

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation allows the Board of Medicine to share with the Department of Labor information on persons it licenses so the Department of Labor can make a determination of physician shortage areas in Idaho. The Board of Medicine licenses physicians but does not know where they are working, or even if they are working in Idaho. The Department of Labor knows where people work in Idaho but does not know which ones are physicians. Grants and other funds are available for attracting physicians to practice in workforce shortage areas, but Idaho has difficulty accessing them because we lack this mechanism to qualify an area as a shortage area for those purposes. This legislation will allow that determination to be made more readily and should aid in attracting physicians to practice in those areas.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the general fund.

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